

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 10 are amended.

Claims 11 and 12 are new.

The specification is amended at pages 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 16 to correct typographical errors. The terms "intensity" and "intensities" should read "power" and "powers", respectively. Support in the specification is at page 5, line 21 which clearly defines W as watt which is defined as 1 joule/second, and mW as milliwatts. It is well known in the art that watts and milliwatts are units of power and not intensity. Further, the numerical values of 5mW or less at pages 3, 4, 6, 7 and the ranges recited at page 16 are clearly described in milliwatt units. Enclosed is a copy of pages 306 and 469 from Grant and Hackh's Chemical Dictionary 5th Edition, which define and distinguish intensity from power. The term "intensity" means the strength or amount of energy per unit space, area, or time. The term "power" means the time rate of doing work, the unit of which is the watt.

The specification is amended at page 9, lines 5 and 6 to correct typographical errors by changing the term "agent" to "agents", and changing the term "quinone is" to "quinones are".

The specification is amended at page 14 to correct a typographical error. The term "promoter" is corrected to "promoters".

No new matter is added to the specification. Applicants respectfully request entrance of the amendments to the specification.

Claims 1, 4, and 8 are amended to recite that the imaging composition includes one or more reducing agents, and the term "intensities" is corrected to recite "powers". Support in the specification for the reducing agents is at page 8, line 20 to page 9, line 9.

Claims 2 and 5 are amended by deleting the term "reducing agents" in view of the amendments of claims 1 and 4.

Claim 7 is amended to correct a typographical error. The term "intensities" is corrected to recite "powers".

Claim 10 is amended by adding a “.” (period) at the end of the claim to correct a typographical error.

Support in the specification for new claims 11-12 is at page 13, lines 8-16.

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Kuchta does not teach or suggest all of the elements of the present claims. Accordingly, Kuchta does not anticipate the presently claimed invention.

Kuchta does not teach or suggest an imaging composition comprising one or more sensitizers and one or more reducing agents in sufficient amounts to affect a color or shade change in the imaging composition upon application of energy at powers of 5mW or less (present claim 1).

Kuchta does not teach or suggest an imaging composition comprising one or more cyclopentanone based conjugated photosensitizers and one or more reducing agents in sufficient amounts to affect a color or shade change in the imaging composition upon application of energy at powers of 5mW or less (present claim 4).

Kuchta also does not teach or suggest a method comprising: a) providing an imaging composition comprising one or more sensitizers and one or more reducing agents in sufficient amounts to affect a color or shade change in the imaging composition upon exposure to energy at powers of 5mW or less; b) applying the composition to a workpiece; and c) applying the energy at the powers of 5mW or less to the imaging composition to affect a color or shade change (present claim 8).

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta.

Claim 7 was objected to as allegedly being dependent upon a rejected base claim, and would be allowable if amended in independent form. However, claim 7 was originally filed as an independent claim.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection of claim 7.

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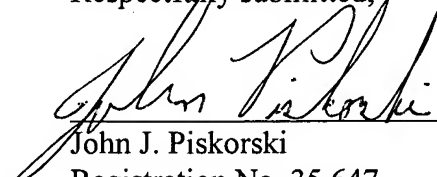
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response or this application, or should he believe this application is for any reason not yet in condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below in order to expedite allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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